

REMARKS:

Claims 1-33 were originally presented in the present application. In the Office Action of August 17, 2004 the Examiner restricted the claims into the following two groups:

Group 1, claims 1-16 and 24-33, drawn to a mower drive connection, classified in class 56, subclass 14.7; and

Group 2, claims 17-23, drawn to a mower tree guard, classified in class 56, subclass 17.4.

Applicant hereby elects group 1 (claims 1-16 and 24-33) for further prosecution.

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